THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Spurious Drugs

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SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether spurious drugs are being manufactured on a large scale and flooding Indian market; and

(b) if so, the action taken to tackle the problem on a war-footing?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs. As per the feedback given by the State Licensing Authorities, out of the 35570 and 33760 samples tested during the period 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, 115 and 112 samples respectively were found to be spurious which is approximately 0.33 percent. Since manufacture and sale of spurious drugs is a clandestine activity indulged in by anti-social persons, steps are taken from time to time by the enforcement authorities of the States to detect and unearth spurious/fake drugs in the interstate commerce. As per feedback available from the State Licensing Authorities, 17 cases related to spurious drugs have been reported from Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the last two years (Statement-I). (*See* below) 68 persons have been arrested in this regard during the period 2000-2001 (Statement II and III). (*See* below)

The Drugs Controller General (India) has advised the State Drugs Controller to take the following measures for curbing the incidence of spurious drugs :—

(i) Constitution and reactivation of State Drug Advisory Committees in which various trade and industry associations as well as consumer associations should find representation.

(ii) Establishment of separate intelligence-cum-legal machinery with police assistance.

(iii) Training should be provided to selected officials of Drug Control Administration in the modalities of intelligence work prosecution etc. in respect of spurious counterfeit drugs.

(iv) To ensure speedy analysis of drug samples by establishing own State level drug testing facilities.

(v) State Drugs Control Authorities should be cautious while approving licenses for drug product to ensure that look-alike products are not encouraged.

(vi) To develop efficient communication facilities and recall procedures.

(vii) To undertake Surveillance of suspected dealers.

(viii) To engage experienced counsel for fighting spurious drug cases.

(ix) To obtain Cooperation of Pharmaceutical Industry by regular interaction with them.

(x) To collect survey samples under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drug (NSQED) Programme.

In addition, the following steps have been taken :—

1. Association of Pharmaceutical Industry and All India organisation of Chemists and Druggists have been asked to take necessary initiative to collectively combat the menace of spurious drugs.

2. The problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs and the need to ensure its checking has been specifically explained to State Health Ministers during the meeting of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare held on 12th and 13th July, 2001 in New Delhi.

3. In order to ensure efficient information exchange and speedy monitoring, the Central Government has undertaken a project to provide computer networking for all State and Central Drug Control Offices and the Drugs Testing Laboratories.

4. The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of DGHS on July, 18, 2001 associating members from industry, trade, drug regulatory officials and public representative to go into all aspects of the menace of spurious drugs and suggest remedial measures. The meeting of the Committee was held on October 25, 2001 and March 14, 2002 and various underlying issues concerning manufacture and sale of spurious drugs in the country were examined. Report is under preparation.

Statement-I

A big haul of spurious drugs has been unearthed during the last two years

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2000-2001	1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	Nil	Nil
2.	Bihar	Nil	2
3.	Goa	Nil	Nil
4.	Gujarat	Nil	1
5.	Haryana	Nil	Nil
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil
8.	Karnataka	Nil	1
9.	Kerala	Nil	Nil
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
11.	Maharashtra	Nil	2
12.	Manipur	Nil	Nil
13.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
14.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil
15.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil
16.	Orissa	Nil	Nil
17.	Punjab	Nil	Nil
18.	Rajasthan	1	2
19.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil
20.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil
21.	Tripura	Nil	Nil
22.	Uttar Pradesh	2	Nil
23.	West Bengal	Nil	Nil
24.	Pondicherry	Nil	Nil
25.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil	Nil
26.	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
27.	Delhi	1	1
28.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil
29.	Daman and Diu	Nil	Nil
30.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil
31.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	4
32.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil

Statement-II

Apprehended for manufacturing and trading of spurious drugs

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2000-2001	1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	Nil	Nil
2.	Bihar	Nil	2
3.	Goa	Nil	Nil
4.	Gujarat	Nil	1
5.	Haryana	Nil	Nil
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil
8.	Karnataka	Nil	Nil
9.	Kerala	Nil	Nil
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
11.	Maharashtra	Nil	2
12.	Manipur	Nil	Nil
13.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
14.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil
15.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil
16.	Orissa	Nil	Nil
17.	Punjab	Nil	Nil
18.	Rajasthan	1	5
19.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil
20.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil
21.	Tripura	Nil	Nil
22.	Uttar Pradesh	2	Nil
23.	West Bengal	Nil	Nil
24.	Pondicherry	Nil	Nil
25.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil	Nil
26.	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
27.	Delhi	1	6
28.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil
29.	Daman and Diu	Nil	Nil
30.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil
31.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	48
32.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil

Statement-III

Details of cases wherein a haul of spurious drugs has been unearthed together with persons apprehended for manufacturing and trading of spurious drugs during the period 2000-2001 and 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001 by the concerned State licensing authorities

Delhi:

(i) Based on the information that one person was involved in illegal trade of medicines with foreign nationals, he was kept under surveillance by Drugs Control Department, Delhi and Delhi Police. On 9.9.2000, he was apprehended as he was found having in his possession stocks of seven drugs. Subsequently, a godown was also raided jointly on 10.9.2000. Prosecution has been launched in the Court of Law against the said person.

(ii) Delhi Police and officers of Drugs Control Department seized on 3rd/4th July, 2001, huge stocks of allegedly spurious drugs from different places in and around Bhagirath Place, Delhi. Samples of drugs drawn have sent for analysis and based on the investigation carried out, a complaint has been filed in the Court of Law at Tees Hazari, Delhi.

Gujarat:

One person was found manufacturing counterfeit drugs during the period April, 2001. Before the persons could sell the counterfeit drug, he was handed over to Police crime Branch for further interrogation. After completion of investigation, necessary action would be taken as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

Rajasthan:

During the period 2000-2001, one case of haul of spurious drugs was unearthed. One person was apprehended by the police. During the period 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001 two cases were unearthed. Five persons were apprehended by the Police.

Maharashtra:

(i) During the period 2000-2001, one person was reported to be indulging in manufacturing of spurious drugs. Two persons were arrested on subsequent investigation and a case was filed on 11.5.2001 in the court of law.

(ii) One licensed manufacturer was reported to be manufacturing spurious drugs on 26.6.2000. After subsequent investigation, a case was filed against three persons. However, no arrest was made in this case.

Uttar Pradesh:

(i) During the period 2000-2001, 2 cases involving 19 samples have been declared to be spurious by the Government Analyst, Uttar Pradesh/ Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata. The instructions have been issued to the concerned Drugs Inspectors (U.P.) to launch prosecution against the defaulters/firms.

(ii) Two persons have been arrested, one at Kanpur and another at Bareilly with spurious drugs. Prosecution has been launched at Kanpur against M/s Standard Drugs Centre, Birhana Road, Kanpur and its proprietor.

Karnataka:

During the period 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001, one case involving 4 spurious drugs has been detected at dealers located in Mangalore, Karnataka. After completion of investigation, necessary action would be taken as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

Andhra Pradesh:

During the period 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001, 4 cases involving 21 spurious drugs were detected. After completion of investigation, necessary action would be taken as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

Bihar:

During the period 1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001, 2 cases of spurious drugs were detected. After completion of investigation, necessary action would be taken as per provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

Contract between HAM Dredging Marine Contractors and CPT

*574. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Teroso Koti Dheleo Gangar Nabyata Bareni", which appeared in the Ananda Bazar Patrika, Kolkata, dated the 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether there was no guarantee on the navigable depth in the contract between HAM Dredging Marine Contractors and Kolkata Port Trust, as alleded in the report;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore and the action taken against the erring official;